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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: DRA PRESS TREATMENT
OF DRA'S CONDOLENCE GESTURES

1. HERewith FOLLOWS THE VERBATIM TEXTS OF THE TWO ARTICLES
ISSUED BY THE DRA NEWSAGENCY, BAKHTAR, ON THE CONDOLENCE
ACTIONS OF THE DRA. THE ARTICLES WERE CARRIED ON THE FRONT
PAGES OF THE FEB. 17 AND 18 KABUL TIMES (WITH AN ACCOMPANYING
PICTURE EACH DAY). AS IS ALSO DRA PRACTICE, THEY WOULD BE
GIVEN SIMILAR TREATMENT IN THE DRA VERNACULAR PRESS.

2. "DOST TAKES WREATH TO US MISSION. BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE
KABUL, FEB. 17, (BAKHTAR) - THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OF
THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE REPORTED THAT THE
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHAH MOHAMMAD DOST WENT TO THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN KABUL AT 12:00 NOON YESTERDAY,
AND TOOK ALONG WITH HIM A WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICIALS
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
HIS EXCELLENCY ADOLPH DUBS THE LATE AMBASSADOR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN KABUL.

AT THIS TIME WHILE THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE US EMBASSY
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IN KABUL WAS ALSO PRESENT THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR POLITICAL

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AFFAIRS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND DEEP GRIEVES (SIC) OF ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DRA ON THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT AND ADDED THAT HIS EXCELLENCY LATE ADOLPH DUBS WAS AN EXTREMELY GOOD PERSONALITY AND TALENTED DIPLOMAT AND HAD GREAT INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WE ARE SORRY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY IS NOT AMONG US.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS ADDED: NO DOUBT ALL THE FRIENDS OF THE LATE HIS EXCELLENCY HAVE BEEN STRICKEN WITH GRIEF (SIC) ON HIS DEATH, BUT OUR REMORSE IS MORE THAN OTHERS BECAUSE THE INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED REGRETFULLY IN KABUL.

SHAH MOHAMMAD DOST THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SOUGHT PATIENCE AND COURAGE FOR MADAMME DUBS AND HIS OTHER SURVIVORS.

IN RETURN BRUCE J. AMSTUTZ, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE US EMBASSY IN KABUL WAS MOVED BY THIS ACTION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN AND EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE ON THIS OCCASION.

PRESENT AT THIS TIME WERE ALSO THE DEPUTY CHIEFS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END TEXT. UNQUOTE.

3. "BODY OF LATE US AMBASSADOR FLOWN HOME. BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE: KABUL, FEB. 18, (BAKHTAR) - THE BODY OF THE LATE US AMBASSADOR TO KABUL ADOLPH DUBS WAS FLOWN FROM KABUL TO HIS HOME YESTERDAY MORNING.

PRESENT AT THE KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ESCORT THE
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COFFIN OF THE DECEASED WERE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND

CULTURE BAREQ SHAFFIEE, DEPUTY MINISTERS FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND SOME OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADORS OF THE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN KABUL AND STAFF OF THE US EMBASSY.

BEFORE THE BODY WAS FLOWN THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND

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CULTURE BARED SHAFIEE EXPRESSED THE GRIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN OVER THE DEMISE OF THE LATE DUBS TO MR. CHARLES B. O'KEEFEE JR., SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAD COME TO KABUL TO ESCORT THE BODY AND SIMILARLY TO THE WIFE AND OTHER SURVIVORS OF THE LATE AMBASSADOR DUBS.

ACCORDING TO ANOTHER REPORT THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE WENT TO THE US EMBASSY IN KABUL AT 11:00 A.M. YESTERDAY AND ON BEHALF OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN NOTED DOWN HIS SYMPATHY OVER THE DEATH OF THE LATE DUBS AT THE SPECIAL BOOK OPENED.

SIMILARLY THE DEPUTY MINISTERS AND HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRIES WENT TO THE US EMBASSY YESTERDAY AND SIGNED THE SPECIAL BOOK. END TEXT. UNQUOTE.
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